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EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

***Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35312
Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Acquisition Exemption –
Certain Assets of CSX Transportation, Inc.
Motion to Dismiss Notice of Exemption***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Work on response to comments filed by the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalman and Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division / IBT and by the American Train Dispatchers Association was disrupted by the snowstorms that required a shutdown of the federal government offices and normal business activity in the Washington, D.C. area over the last week. In the extraordinary circumstances it is respectfully requested that the due date for responses to comments in the above docket be extended to February 24.

Counsel for the American Train Dispatchers Association does not object to the extension request. A voice mail message concerning this request was left for counsel for the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalman and Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division. Expedited consideration for the extension would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Parties of Record